


MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Gary Jackson, City Manager 

DATE: March 16, 2009

SUBJECT: Airport Land Use & Zoning

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of an Asheville Regional Airport Authority resolution requesting city adoption of specific zoning for airport property. On February 13, 2009, the Authority approved the attached resolution.

On the basis of this request, staff will evaluate the request and seek policy direction from the Planning and Economic Development subcommittee of Council.

Cc: David N. Edwards, Director, Asheville Regional Airport
Judy Daniel, Director of Planning and Development Services
Janet Dack, Administrative Assistant for the Office of Economic Development



March 9, 2009

Mr. Gary Jackson
City Manager
City of Asheville
70 Court Plaza, 2nd Floor
Asheville, NC 28801

Re: Airport Land Use, Zoning, and Development

Dear Gary:

Please find enclosed an executed resolution by the Asheville Regional Airport Authority requesting the City of Asheville to adopt specific land use/zoning ordinances for the development of Asheville Regional Airport property.

I believe that the resolution is consistent with our discussions on this topic. We look forward to working with City Staff and City Council on this item. Please let me know what the next steps will be.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

David N. Edwards, Jr., A.A.E.
Airport Director

Enclosure

cc: File

Resolution No.: 021309-01

Resolution Requesting the City of Asheville to Adopt Specific Land Use/Zoning Ordinances for Airport Property Development at the Asheville Regional Airport

WHEREAS, the Asheville Regional Airport Authority ("Authority") was established in 1979 as a joint governmental agency organized and created by the City of Asheville ("City") and the County of Buncombe ("County"), pursuant to Article 20 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes of North Carolina for the purpose of maintaining, operating, regulating and improving the Asheville Regional Airport ("Airport"); and

WHEREAS, the City and the Authority executed a Lease Agreement effective July 1, 1980 for certain land, buildings, and other improvements associated with Airport; and

WHEREAS, the "Initial Term" of the Lease Agreement is from July 1, 1980 through April 30, 2018, with the Authority having the right to extend such Lease Agreement for an additional period of twenty-five (25) years under the same terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Authority continues to seek positive development of Airport related land and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the existing City of Asheville land use, zoning, and development ordinances do not address airport development projects specifically; and

WHEREAS, several airport development projects are unique as they exist inside the airport operations area of the airport where aircraft operate; and


WHEREAS, the Authority seeks more specific land use, zoning, and development ordinances that will address the unique types of projects and development occurring at the airport.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Asheville Regional Airport Authority Requests the City of Asheville to Adopt Specific Land Use/Zoning Ordinances for Airport Property Development at the Asheville Regional Airport.

Adopted this 13th day of February, 2009


David R. Hillier, Chairman

ATTEST:


Charles W. McGrady, Secretary-Treasurer